

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Calvin "Kip" Henley, III on winning the Golfing Channel's *The Big Break II* golf competition.

WHEREAS, Calvin "Kip" Henley, III, an instructor at River Run Golf Course and the former golf pro at Heatherhurst course at Fairfield Glade near Crossville, recently won the Golf Channel's Big Break II competition, earning four Nationwide Tour exemptions, a new Ford 500 luxury car, and \$10,000 for his ten days at the Bali Hai golf course in Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, Kip Henley was born in Chattanooga in 1960 and began knocking balls around at age five; deciding by age 14 that he wanted to be a tour player, he played golf at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and gave up amateur status in 1982 to make his first try at tour school; and

WHEREAS, after running out of funds, Mr. Henley became a club pro in 1983, spending two years at Lake Tansi, three years at Dorchester, and 14 years at Heatherhurst in Fairfield Glade; in 1997, he earned a spot in the Club Pro Championship, during which he required hospitalization for severe dehydration after starting the third round in sixth place; and

WHEREAS, Kip Henley played three times in the PGA Tour's FedEx St. Jude Classic, missing the cut each time, but he made the cut in several Nationwide Tour events; in 2000, he took his family with him on the road for the entire year while he played on the Hooter's Tour. He has two Tennessee State Open wins, has been the Tennessee Player of the Year four times, and occasionally caddies for PGA Tour regulars Garrett Willis and Jason Bohn; and

WHEREAS, *The Big Break II*'s 10 weeks of grueling competition involving 27 challenges and eight eliminations culminated in a head-to-head duel between 35-year-old Don Donatello of Orlando and 44-year-old Kip Henley, a contest that lasted twenty holes; and

WHEREAS, as the winner, Mr. Henley will play in the Rheem Classic presented by the Times Record at Fort Smith, Arkansas; the Henrico County Open at Richmond, Virginia; the LaSalle Bank Open in Chicago, Illinois; and the Lake Erie Charity Classic at Erie, Pennsylvania during the 2005 season; doing well in these events could provide Kip with the opportunity to be a part of the PGA Tour and to compete against the world's best golfers; and

WHEREAS, his devotion to golf notwithstanding, Kip Henley is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Sissi, and his daughters, Darbi and Stormi, who were home schooled by their mother during the family's 2000 commitment to the Hooter's tour; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it singularly fitting to honor Kip Henley for his commitment to excellence in his chosen sport of golf; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate Calvin "Kip" Henley, III upon winning *The Big Break II* golf competition, commend him for his dedication to perfecting his game, thank him for the honor that he has brought to our state, and offer him our best wishes for every success and satisfaction as he pursues his career and dreams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.